

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In an air cooled internal combustion engine having a cylinder, a rotary fan powered by said engine and contained within a cowling which directs air in a flow from said fan towards said cylinder, with a substantially self cleaning and generally planar air filter located in said flow, the improvement comprising:

locating said filter closely adjacent an air exit region of said fan to thereby increase the velocity of air flowing over said air filter and further locating said generally planar air filter in a plane which is substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of said fan and substantially parallel to a tangent to the outer circumference of said fan at said air exit region.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The air cooled internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cowling is curved at least partially around said fan and said air filter is located in a plane which is curved in like fashion to said cowling.

4. (Currently Amended) The air cooled internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said air filter is located in a plane which is included into the flow of air leaving said air exit region.

5. (Currently Amended) The air cooled internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter is generally rectangular and has its longer axis substantially aligned with the direction of said air flow.

6. (Currently Amended) The air cooled internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter is substantially flush with said cowling.
7. (Currently Amended) An air filter arrangement for an internal combustion engine having a cylinder, a rotary fan powered by said engine and contained within a cowling which directs a flow of air from said fan towards said cylinder, said air filter arrangement comprising:
a generally planar air filter located in said flow, in a plane which is substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of said fan and also substantially parallel to a tangent to the outer circumference of said fan at an air exit region of said fan, and closely adjacent ~~an~~ said air exit region of said fan to thereby increase the velocity of air flowing over said air filter.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein said cowling is curved at least partially around said fan and said air filter is located in a plane which is curved in like fashion to said cowling.
10. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein said air filter is located in a plane which is inclined into the flow of air leaving said air exit region.
11. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter is substantially flush with said cowling.
12. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter is generally rectangular and has its longer axis substantially aligned with the direction of said flow of air.
13. (Currently Amended) The air cooled internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the air filter is positioned relative to the fan so that air exiting said air exit region of said fan passes over said air filter without changing direction.

14. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the air filter is positioned relative to the fan so that air exiting said air exit region of said fan passes over said air filter without changing direction.